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SUBJECT:CARTER AND MONDALE MESSAGES TO AHEPA

1. FOLLOWING FOR YOUR INFORMATION ARE TEXTS OF TELEGRAMS SENT TO AHEPA ON THE OCCASION OF ITS RECENT 54TH ANNUAL CONVENTION IN HOUSTON BY DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES CARTER AND MONDALE. TEXTS OF TELEGRAMS APPEARED IN AUGUST 26 ISSUE OF HELLENIC TIMES.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF CARTER MESSAGE:

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-CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE 54TH ANNUAL

CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN HELLENIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION.

-I HAVE THE GREATEST ADMIRATION FOR THE IMPRESSIVE CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH GREEK-AMERICANS HAVE MADE TO AMERICAN INDUSTRY, EDUCATION, THE ARTS AND POLITICAL LIFE, WITHOUT YOUR LOSING YOUR STRONG TIES TO CHURCH AND COMMUNITY. YOUR HERITAGE LIES IN A LAND WHERE DEMOCRACY WAS FIRST BORN AND WHERE, THANKFULLY, IT HAS SEEN A RECENT REBIRTH. YOU ARE STILL AMONG DEMOCRACY'S STAUNCHEST DEFENDERS. I SALUTE YOU.

-AS YOU DELIBERATE, I WANT YOU TO KNOW OF MY DEEP CONCERN OVER EXISTING TENSIONS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY. THE UNITED STATES FOR MANY YEARS HAS HAD A MAJOR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY IN HELPING TO PRESERVE THE SECURITY OF BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NATO ALLIANCE. THE UNITED STATES THUS HAS MADE A LARGE CONTRIBUTION TO THE MILITARY POSTURES OF BOTH COUNTRIES. FOR THIS REASON, THE UNITED STATES MUST HELP TO RESOLVE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OUR TWO ALLIES PEACEFULLY.

-THE ABSENCE OF PROGRESS IN THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS IS TRAGIC AND DANGEROUS. THE ADMINISTRATION RECORD IS A RECORD OF ONE LOST OPPORTUNITY AFTER THE OTHER HAVING FAILED TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION IN THREE RESPECTS: IT FAILED TO BRING ABOUT A SETTLEMENT IN CYPRUS DURING THE FIVE YEARS BEFORE THE CYPRUS CRISIS; IT FAILED, DESPITE REPEATED WARNINGS TO PREVENT THE 1974 COUP AGAINST MAKARIOS ENGINEERED BY THE FORMER MILITARY DICTATORSHIP IN ATHENS; IT FAILED TO PREVENT OR EVEN TO LIMIT THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS THAT FOLLOWED. SECRET AND PERSONAL AGREEMENTS, VACILLATION AND CYNICISM, ARE NOT SUBSTITUTES FOR A CLEAR COMMITMENT TO AN EARLY SETTLEMENT WHICH GIVES CYPRUS ITS INDEPENDENCE.

-I HOPE THERE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVES FROM THE GREEK AND TURKISH GOVERNMENTS AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO END THE IMPASSE WHICH NOW EXISTS IN THE TALKS BETWEEN THE GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES.

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-TO CONTRIBUTE TO AN ENDURING PEACE, ANY SETTLEMENT MUST PROVIDE A SOLUTION TO THE TERRITORIAL PROBLEM, BEARING IN MIND THE PROPER BALANCE BETWEEN THE TWO POPULATIONS AND THE NEED FOR A VIABLE ECONOMIC BASE FOR THE TWO COMMUNITIES AND THE ISLAND AS A WHOLE. IT MUST PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF BOTH THE GREEK MAJORITY AND THE TURKISH MINORITY ON THE ISLAND, INCLUDING THE RIGHTS OF

THOSE DISPLACED FROM THEIR HOMES BY THE TURKISH INVASION.

-I HOPE BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY WILL AVOID ANY ACTION THAT WOULD INCREASE EXISTING TENSIONS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF CONFLICT OVER THE ISSUE OF OIL RIGHTS. BOTH THESE NATIONS HAVE INFINITELY MORE TO GAIN FROM FRIENDSHIP THAN FROM ENMITY. THEREFORE, I WOULD HOPE THEY WOULD SIT DOWN TOGETHER TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES ON A JUST BASIS WITH SUCH HELP FROM ANY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION THEY MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE AND USEFUL. PERHAPS THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE CAN CLARIFY SOME OF THE LEGAL ISSUES INVOLVED IN THE OIL RIGHTS DISPUTE IN THE AEGEAN. EFFECTIVE DIPLOMATIC STEPS TO SUPPORT

THE RULE OF LAW MUST BE TAKEN. END TEXT.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF MONDALE MESSAGE:

-PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONGRATULATIONS AND AFFECTION ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR 54TH CONVENTION. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I SHARE YOUR PROFOUND CONCERN OVER THE TENSION AND TRAGEDY THAT EXISTS TODAY IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. I ALSO WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY FULLEST SUPPORT AND GREATEST RESPECT.

-I AM PROUD OF MY RECORD IN THE SENATE ON CYPRUS. I OPPOSED THE TURKISH INVASION. I SUPPORTED EFFORTS TO CUT OFF U.S. MILITARY AID TO TURKEY UNTIL PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE TOWARD ENDING THROUGH NEGOTIATION THE BITTER DIVISION OF THAT ISLAND IN THE ILLEGAL PRESENCE OF TURKISH TROOPS.

-WITH YOU I AM STILL WAITING FOR THE FIRST SIGN OF MOVEMENT TOWARD A LASTING AND JUST PEACE.
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-THE GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE MADE THEIR PROPOSALS THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR FURTHER DELAY. THERE IS ALSO NO EXCUSE FOR PROVOCATIONS ELSEWHERE IN THE AEGEAN. IT IS TIME FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN GOOD FAITH.

-YOUR ORGANIZATION HAS CONTRIBUTED IMMEASURABLY TO THE STRENGTH OF OUR NATION AND CAUSE OF JUSTICE AND LIBERTY, NOT ONLY IN AMERICA, BUT IN THE LANDS WHERE DEMOCRACY WAS BORN. YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST ADMIRATION.
END TEXT. EAGLEBURGER

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